

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-02179-JEB**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TREASURY

Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/01/2016  
Date Terminated: 11/15/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/01/2016	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4728820) filed by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit ex. 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit ex. 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit ex. 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit ex. 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit ex. 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit ex. 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit ex. 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit ex. 8, # <u>9</u> Exhibit ex. 9, # <u>10</u> Exhibit ex. 10, # <u>11</u> Exhibit ex. 11, # <u>12</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>13</u> Summons Treasury, # <u>14</u> Summons AG, # <u>15</u> Summons Clerk)(Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/01/2016	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/01/2016		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (sb) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/01/2016	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Form)(sb) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/03/2016	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 11/03/2016)
11/08/2016	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 11/4/2016 (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/08/2016)
11/08/2016	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/04/2016. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/08/2016)
11/08/2016	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/7/2016. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/7/2016. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/08/2016)
12/02/2016	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Joseph Berns on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 12/02/2016)
12/07/2016	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 12/07/2016)
12/07/2016		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by December 21, 2016. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/7/16. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 12/07/2016)
12/07/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/21/2016. (nbn) (Entered: 12/07/2016)
12/21/2016	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order of December 7, 2016 filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 12/21/2016)
12/21/2016		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Proposed Schedule, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a joint status report on February 28, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/21/16. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 12/21/2016)
12/21/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/28/2017 (nbn) (Entered: 12/22/2016)
02/28/2017	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2017)

02/28/2017		MINUTE ORDER: The Court adopts the parties' proposal and ORDERS that they shall file joint status reports on the last Tuesday of each month until further Order of the Court. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/28/17. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 02/28/2017)
03/28/2017	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 03/28/2017)
04/25/2017	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
05/30/2017	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 05/30/2017)
06/27/2017	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/27/2017)
07/25/2017	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>filed</i> by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 07/25/2017)
08/29/2017	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 08/29/2017)
09/26/2017	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 09/26/2017)
10/31/2017	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
11/28/2017	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 11/28/2017)
12/26/2017	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 12/26/2017)
01/30/2018	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 01/30/2018)
02/08/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Nikhel Sus on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Matthew J. Berns (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
02/27/2018	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 02/27/2018)
03/27/2018	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 03/27/2018)
04/24/2018	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
05/29/2018	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/29/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>30</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Marsha Stelson Edney on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY Substituting for attorney Nikhel Sus (Edney, Marsha) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
08/28/2018	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>of the Parties</i> by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Geske, Michael) (Entered: 09/25/2018)

09/26/2018	<u>33</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Marsha Stelson Edney (Edney, Marsha) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/30/2018	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Edney, Marsha) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
10/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>34</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further Joint Status Report by November 30, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/30/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
10/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>35</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Edney, Marsha) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>35</u> Stipulation, the Court ORDERS that the case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/15/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 11/15/2018)